

Council on Postsecondary Education  
March 25, 2002

## Executive Summary

### The Council Business

The colleges and universities are on schedule with renovations that make student housing facilities compliant with current fire code standards.

University presidents agreed to an approach following the September 1998 dormitory fire at Murray State University. The institutions have spent \$17.9 million on 48 facilities and will complete another 34 fire safety projects by September 2002. A status report begins on page 71.

There are two items for action related to general administration of the council.

The staff recommends that the council approve the Council Conflict of Interest Policy. (For details, see page 81.)

Potter and Company, the council's auditors, recommended that the council establish a conflict of interest policy and disseminate that policy to council members and employees. House Bill 225, introduced in the current legislative session, would have removed council members from under the ethics statutes.

It now appears unlikely to pass. The staff developed the conflict of interest policy included in the agenda materials on the basis of the state conflict of interest policy.

Finally, the council's bylaws require that the chair appoint a nominating committee at this council meeting to select officers for the coming year. Mr. Whitehead will do so.